

THE EXECUTIVE

Minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2014

- PRESENT:** Councillor Ieuan Williams (Chair)
Councillor J Arwel Roberts (Vice-Chair)
- Councillors R Dew, K P Hughes, A M Jones, H E Jones and Alwyn Rowlands
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive,
Director of Sustainable Development,
Director of Lifelong Learning,
Director of Community,
Head of Adults Services,
Interim Head of Resources (Finance)/Section 151 Officer,
Interim Head of Democratic Services,
Policy & Strategy Manager (CWO) (Item 5),
Interim Accountancy Services Manager (BHO) (Items 7 & 8),
Revenues & Benefit Manager (GJ) (Item 6),
Group Accountant (BD) (Item 7),
Project Director (Major Projects) Highways (AR),
Finance Project Officer (Social Services) (SLT) (Item 9),
Committee Officer (MEH).
- ALSO PRESENT:** Councillors Ann Griffith (Item 9), John Griffith (Items 7 & 8),
Llinos M. Huws (Item 12), R. Llewelyn Jones (Items 9, 12 & 13), R.G.
Parry OBE (Item 8), R. Meirion Jones (Item 11).
- APOLOGIES:** None

1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor J. Arwel Roberts declared a personal interest in Item 12 and took no part in discussion or voting.

Councillor R.LI. Jones declared a personal interest in Item 12. He was allowed to raise questions in respect of the item.

2 URGENT MATTERS CERTIFIED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OR HIS APPOINTED OFFICER

The Chief Executive stated that he has approved a visit to Japan by 3 representatives from the County Council as part of the Energy Island programme.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on the 19th May, 2014 were confirmed as a true record.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on the 19th May, 2014 be confirmed as a true record.

4 THE EXECUTIVE'S FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

Submitted – The report of the Interim Head of Democratic Services seeking approval for the Executive's updated Work Programme for the period from July 2014 to February 2015.

The Interim Head of Democratic Services noted that 2 additional items had been included within the Forward Work Programme :-

Item 11 – Older Adult Social Care Accommodation Options – Cybi

Item 12 – Older Adult Social Care Accommodation Options – Amlwch and Llangefni

It was noted that both items will be discussed by the relevant Scrutiny Committee at the first instance.

RESOLVED to confirm the update Forward Work Programme for the period June 2014 – January 2015.

5 THE WELSH LANGUAGE SCHEME MONITORING REPORT

Submitted – the report by the Interim Head of Democratic Services seeking the Executive's approval to the annual Welsh language monitoring report and to authorise its submission to the Welsh Language Commissioner by 30 June, 2014.

RESOLVED to accept the 2013/14 monitoring report and to approve its submission to the Welsh Language Commissioner.

6 POLICY ON COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME FOR PENSIONERS 2014/15

Submitted – the report by the Interim Head of Function (Resources)/Section 151 Officer in relation to the above.

The Portfolio Holder (Finance) reported that the County Council's scheme to help pensioners reduce their Council Tax will be for the period of 2014/15 only.

RESOLVED to approve the County Council's scheme for 2014/15.

7 CAPITAL BUDGET 2013-14 OUT-TURN

Submitted – the report of the Interim Head of Resources (Finance)/Section 151 Officer in relation to the above.

RESOLVED to note the report.

8 REVENUE BUDGET 2013-14 - PROVISIONAL OUT-TURN

Submitted – the report of the Interim Head of Resources (Finance)/Section 151 Officer in relation to the spending against service and corporate budgets.

RESOLVED to note the report.

9 COMMUNITY/HOME CARE SERVICE PROVISION

Submitted – the report of the Director of Community in relation to the above.

The Portfolio Holder (Housing & Social Services) stated that to ensure a better and broader range of services for more people, there will have to be changes to the way services are being delivered. He noted that he wished it to be recorded that he will be monitoring the provision carefully and will ask for the related performance indicator to be monitored within the corporate scorecard.

Councillor Ann Griffith stated that she had concerns regarding the Community/Home Care Service Provision as she wished to see the best provision for the people of Anglesey. She considered that the full County Council should have the opportunity to discuss this important provision. Councillor R.LI. Jones reiterated the concerns in respect of this provision.

The Director of Community responded that detailed analysis of the Community/Home Care Service provision has been undertaken to ensure that the service is sustainable and provides support for individuals to make choices about their own future care requirements. The CSSIW regulates all aspects of social care using regulations and national minimum standards set out by Welsh Government.

RESOLVED

- **to endorse the proposal that the provision of home care services be split on the basis of 70% to be provided externally and 30% to be provided 'in-house'.**
- **that the related performance indicator will be monitored on the corporate scorecard.**

10 OPTIONS IN RELATION TO SECURING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE A5025 TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS OF HORIZON NUCLEAR POWER

Submitted – the report of the Head of Service (Environmental and Technical Services) in relation to informal discussions with Horizon Nuclear Power over the last 12 months on a number of issues which include their intentions to undertake/fund construction and improvements to the A5025.

RESOLVED

- **to note the discussions to date with Horizon Nuclear Power (HNP) in relation to potential construction and improvement works required to the A5025 to facilitate construction and operation of the proposed new nuclear power station at Wylfa.**
- **to authorise Officers to progress discussions with HNP to establish the most appropriate approach to ensuring delivery of the works required to the A5025 including investigating working in partnership with HNP and discussing and working up a framework under which an agreement might proceed.**

- **to note that any partnering/joint working arrangement progressed under the above will be brought back to the Executive for consideration before it is entered into by the Council.**

11 LOWERING THE AGE OF ADMISSION TO LLANFAIRPWLL SCHOOL

Submitted – the report of the Director of Lifelong Learning seeking Executive approval to commence the process of consultation on the proposal to lower the age of admission at Ysgol Llanfairpwllgwyngyll.

RESOLVED that authority be given to Officers to consult on the proposed lowering of the age of admission at Ysgol Llanfairpwll.

12 INCREASING THE COST OF SCHOOL MEALS

Submitted – the report of the Director of Lifelong Learning in respect of increase required to be implemented in the cost of school meals from September 2014.

Councillor Llinos M. Huws expressed concern that some families will be unable to afford such increase. Some families who do not qualify for free school meals are already dependent on food bank. Councillor R.LI. Jones reiterated the concerns in respect of this increase in the cost of school meals.

The Director of Lifelong Learning responded that the cost of school meals on Anglesey compares favourably with other counties. The County Council has not increased the cost of school meals since September 2012.

RESOLVED that a 10p per school meal increase be implemented from September, 2014.

13 PROPOSAL TO DEAL WITH A SCHOOL BUDGET DEFICIT

Submitted – the report of the Director of Lifelong Learning to seek the agreement in principle of the use of reserves to support the budget recovery plan at Ysgol Uwchradd Caergybi. The proposal involves the planned use of Lifelong Learning reserves to support the school's budget recovery plan to be implemented over a 3 year period.

RESOLVED to agree to the planned use of Lifelong Learning reserves to support the budget recovery plan at Ysgol Uwchradd, Caergybi.

The meeting concluded at 11.15 am

**COUNCILLOR IEUAN WILLIAMS
CHAIR**